Grants for evening courts

1585. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL:
SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to give grants to newly established evening courts; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

Master Cards for voters

1586. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give voters a Master Card;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is expected to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) and (b) The Election Commission of India has requested the Government to declare the Electors' Photo Identity Cards (EPIC) an important and mandatory document for being used as multi-purpose identity card, such as for the purposes of opening of bank accounts, seeking driving licences, etc. so that people would be encouraged to go for it resulting in increased coverage of these cards which is at present lagging behind, especially in some large States and some metropolitan areas.

(c) The Government has not formed any view in respect of the proposal of the Election Commission, which requires assessment with respect to similar other identity cards issued by other agencies and accordingly it is not possible to indicate any definite time-frame to take a decision in this regard.

Supreme Court bench in North East

1587. KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state whether there is a demand for creating a Circuit Bench of Supreme Court of India at Guwahati, as Government have given special emphasis towards North Eastern Region, so that the people of the region can avoid wide travel to reduce the all round expenditure and other facilities?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): Representations have been received from time to time for setting up of Bench of the Supreme Court outside Delhi, including Guwahati. The matter of setting up of Benches of the Supreme Court outside Delhi has been taken up with successive Chief Justices. The Chief Justice of India as well as the Full Court have been